### **UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL** (Small Entity)

Docket No. A-8281.C

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3.	$\boxtimes$	Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)								
	a.	☐ Formal Number of Sheets 9								
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4.	X	Oath or Declaration								
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	b.	☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)								
	C.	☑ With Power of Attorney  ☐ Without Power of Attorney								
	d.	☐ <u>DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)</u> Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).								
5.		Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 4b is checked) The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.								
6.		CD ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)								
7.		Application Data Sheet (See 37 CFR 1.76)								
8.		Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all must be included)								
		Computer Readable Form (CFR)								
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9.		Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))								
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17.		Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.						
		Optional) Small Entity Statement(s) - Specify Number of Statements Submitted:						
18.		Additional Enclosures (please identify below):						
		Request That Application Not Be Published Pursuant To 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)						
19.		Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.						
		Warning						
		An applicant who makes a request not to publish, but who subsequently files in a foreign country or under a multilateral international agreement specified in 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i), must notify the Director of such filing not later than 45 days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. A failure of the applicant to provide such notice within the prescribed period shall result in the application being regarded as abandoned, unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the Director that the delay in submitting the notice was unintentional.						

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		Charge the issue fee set in 37 C.F.R. 1.18 at the mailing of the Notice of Allowance,						
		pursuant to 37 C.F.R.	1.311(b).					

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